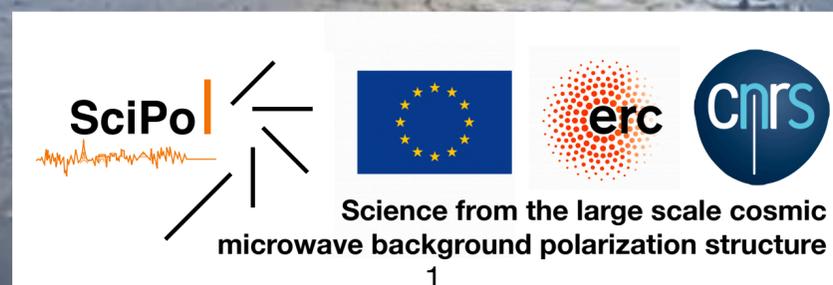


Removal and marginalisation of “well-known” foregrounds

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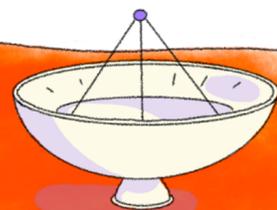


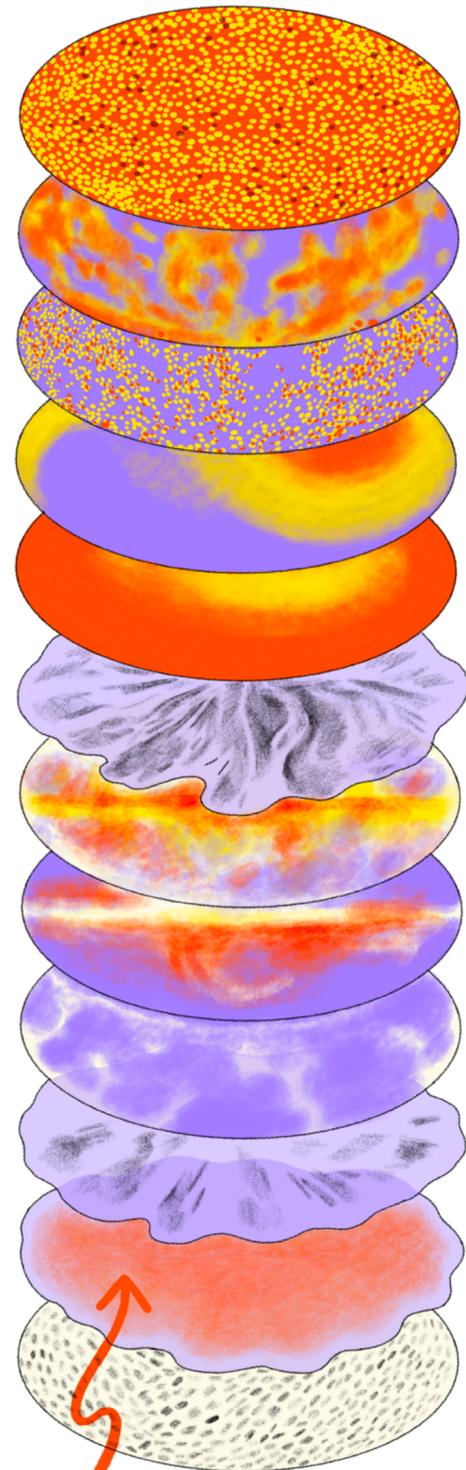
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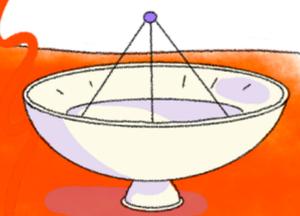




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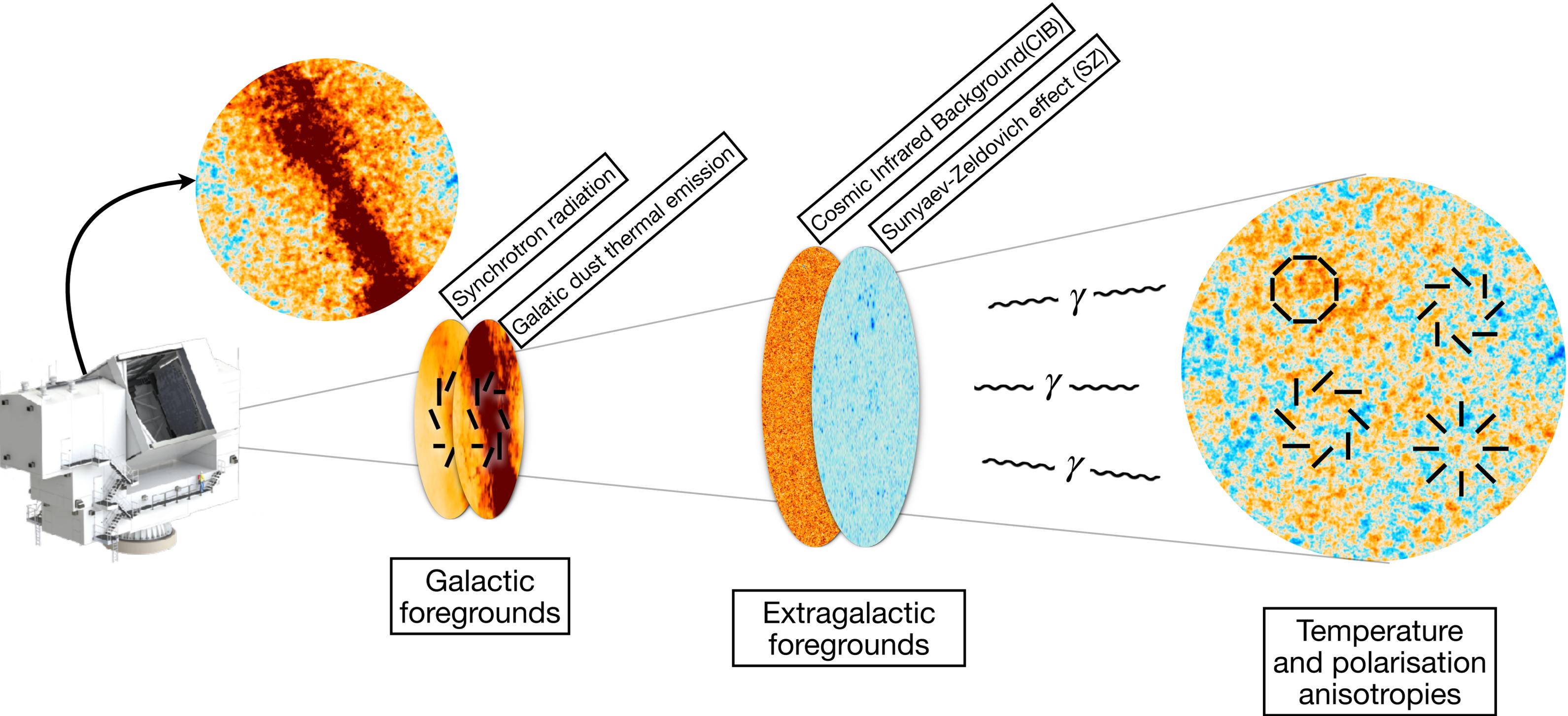


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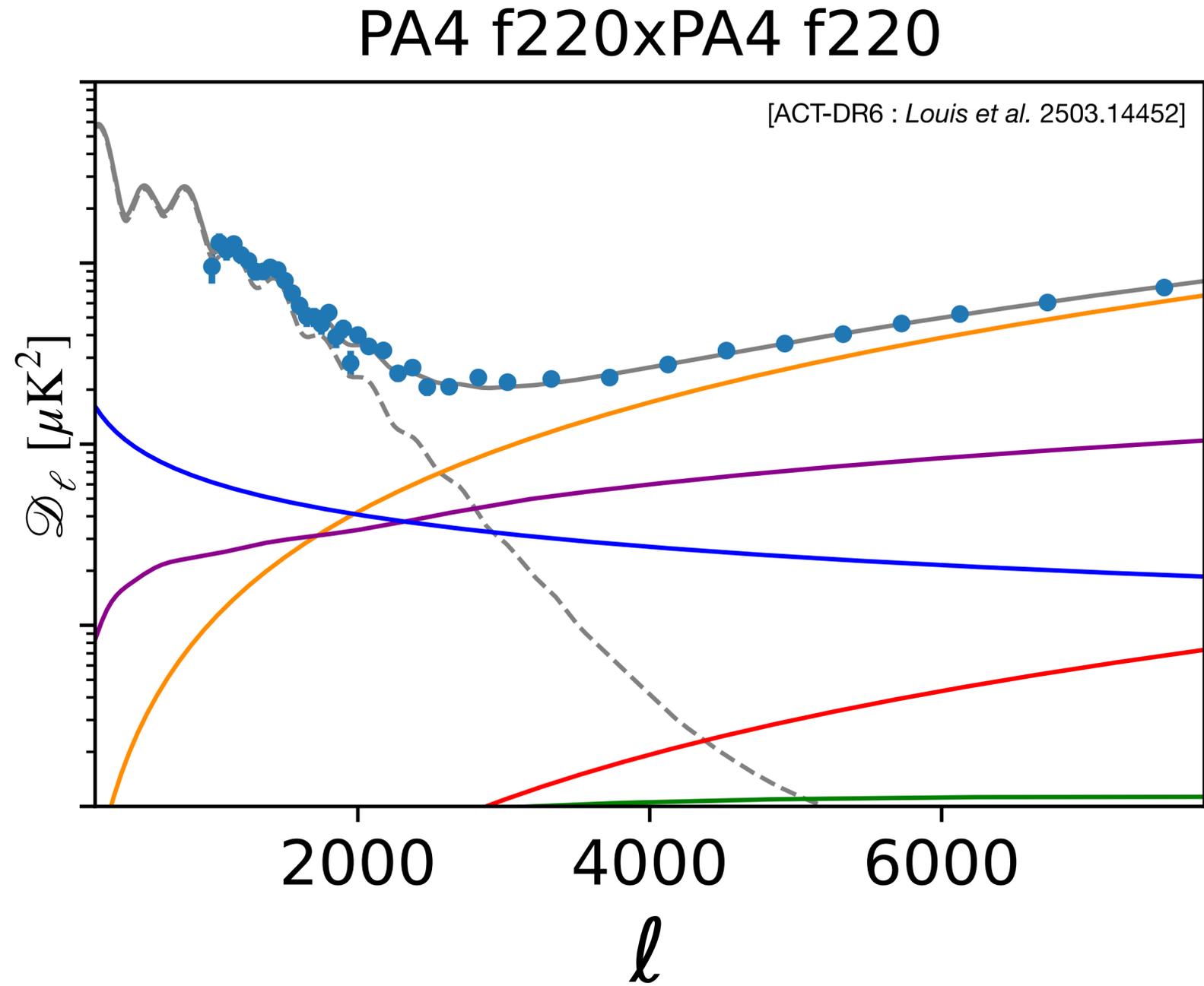
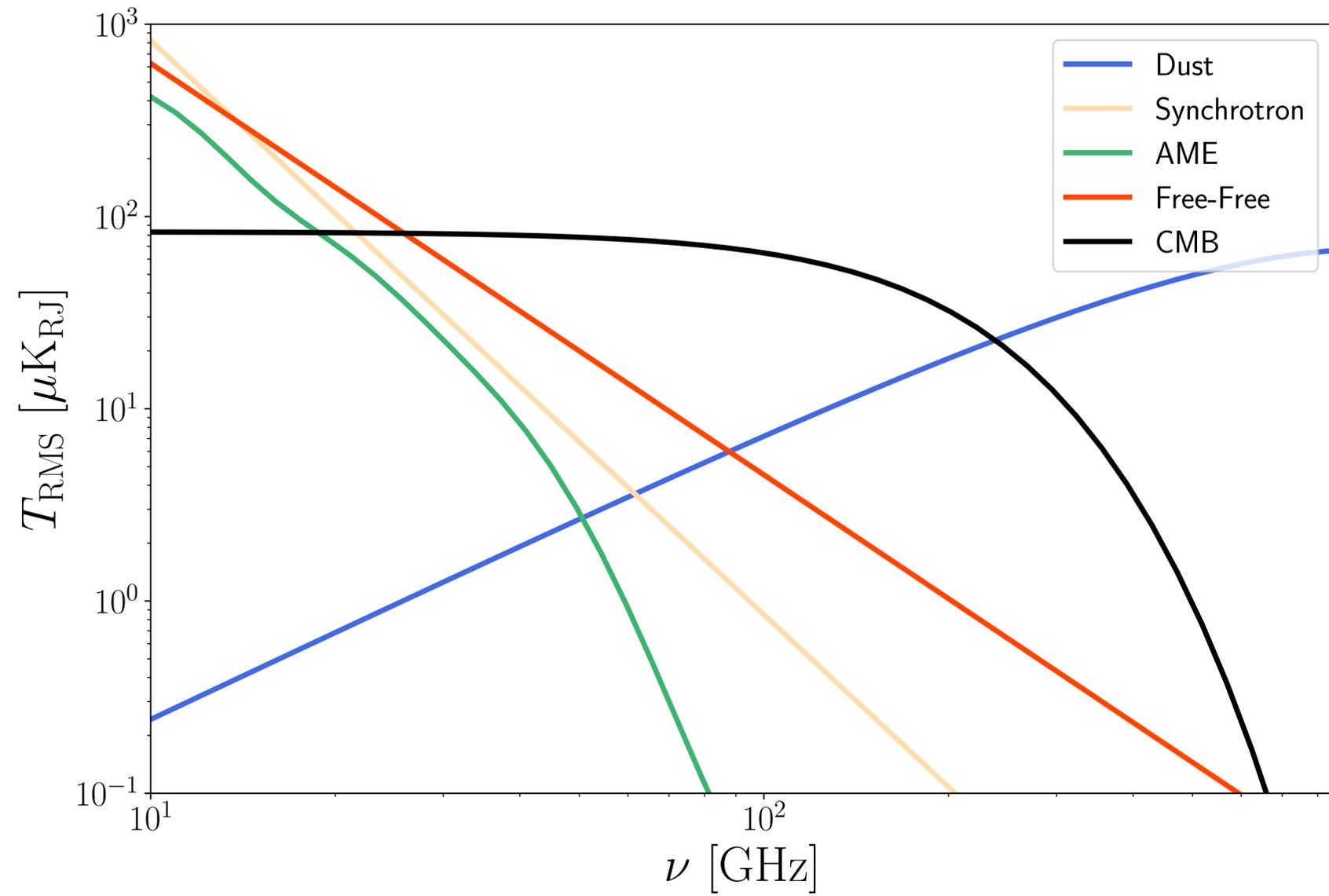


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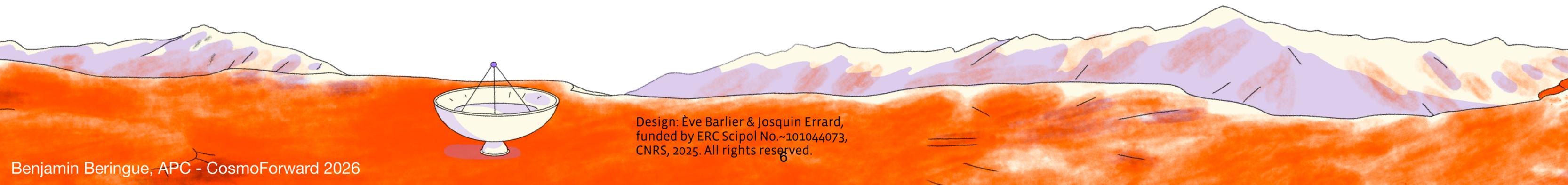


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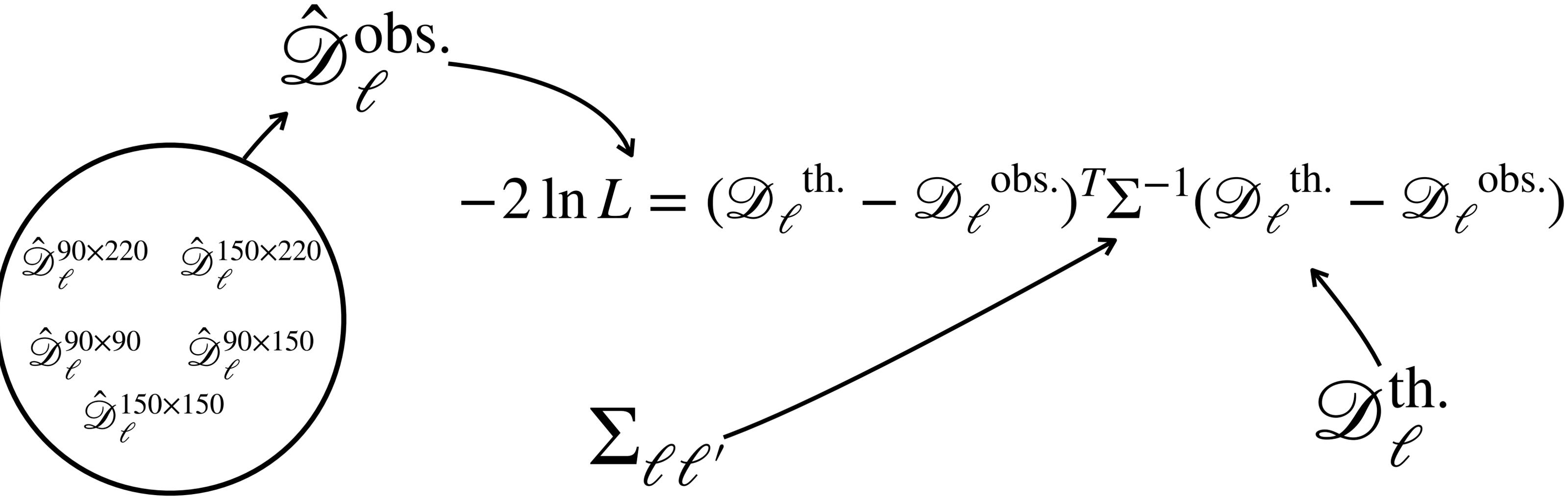
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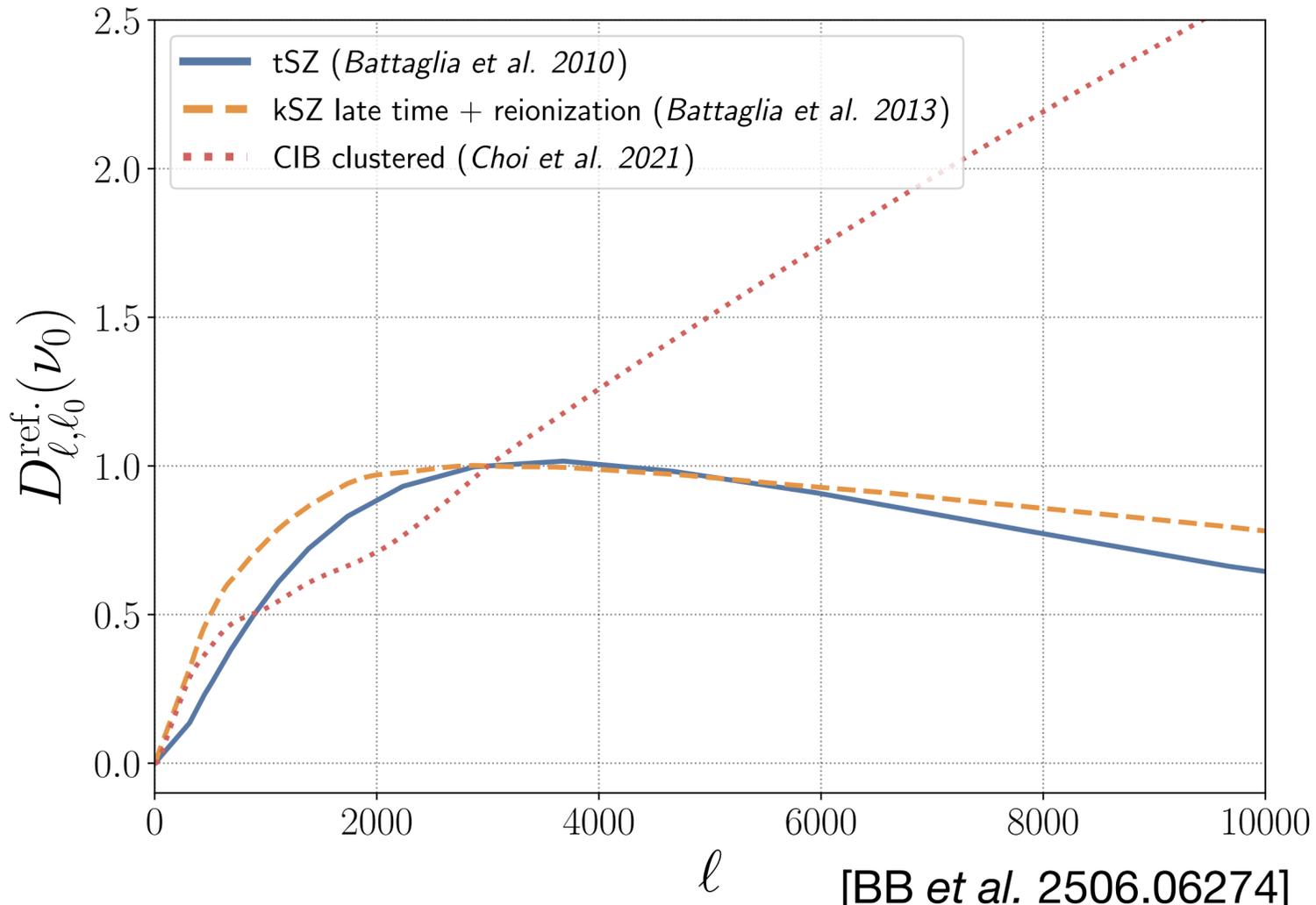
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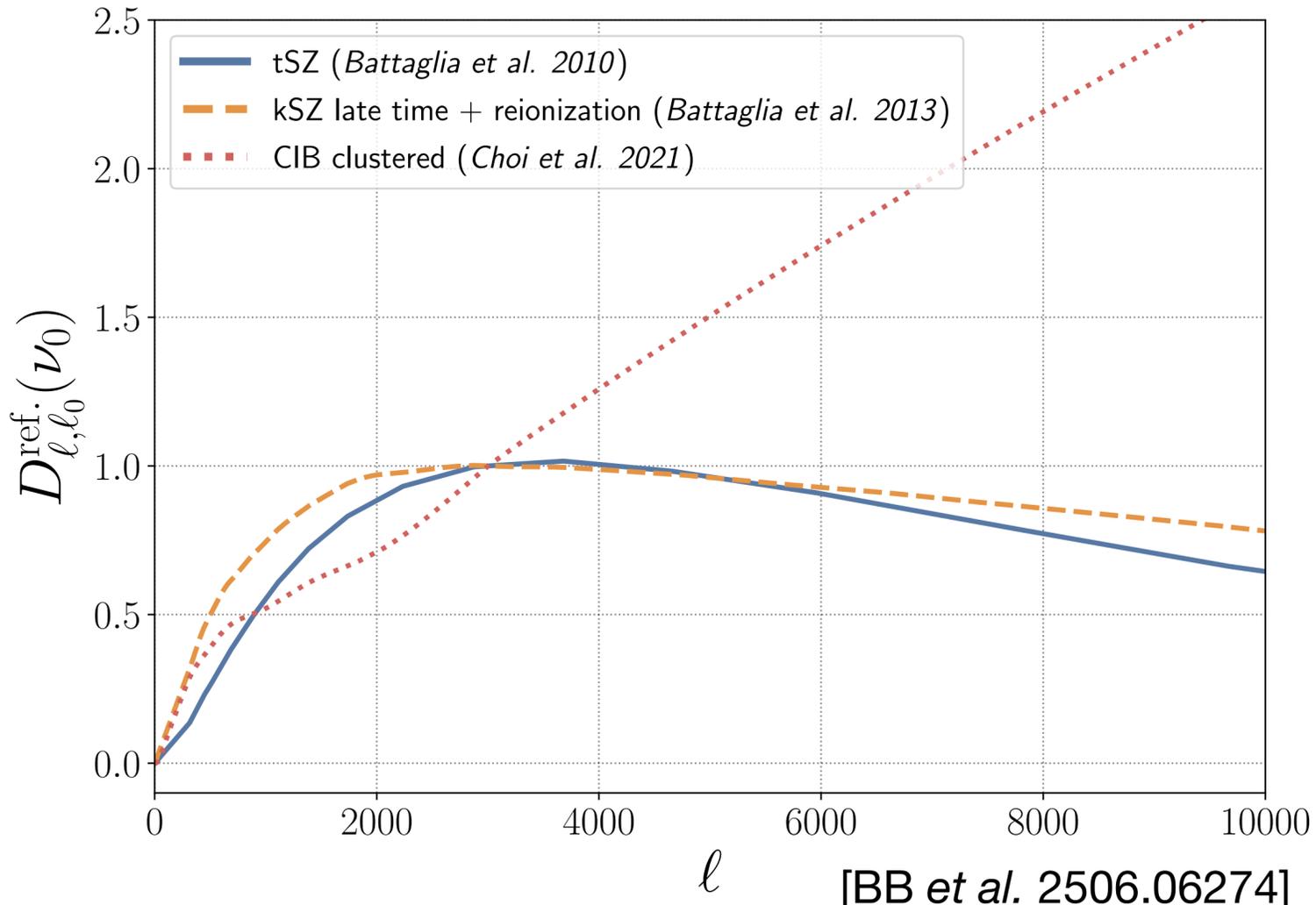
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Kinetic Sunyaev-Zel'dovich effect

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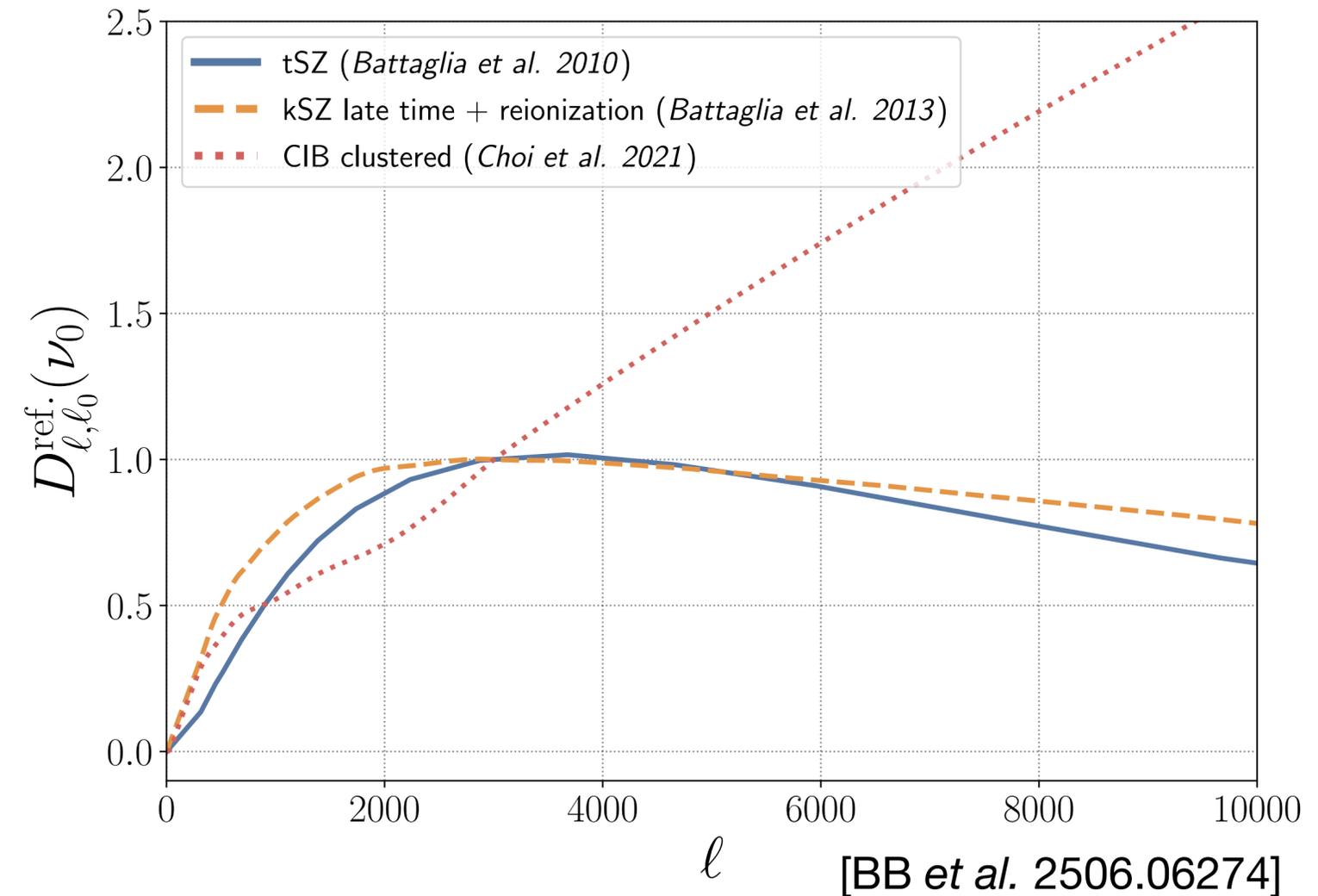
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Clustered Cosmic Infrared Background

- Redshifted thermal dust emission from distant galaxies.

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell,\text{CIB-c}}^{T_i T_j} = a_c \mathcal{D}_{\ell,\ell_0}^{\text{CIB-c}} \frac{\mu(\nu_i; \beta_c, T_d) \mu(\nu_j; \beta_c, T_d)}{\mu^2(\nu_0; \beta_c, T_d)}$$



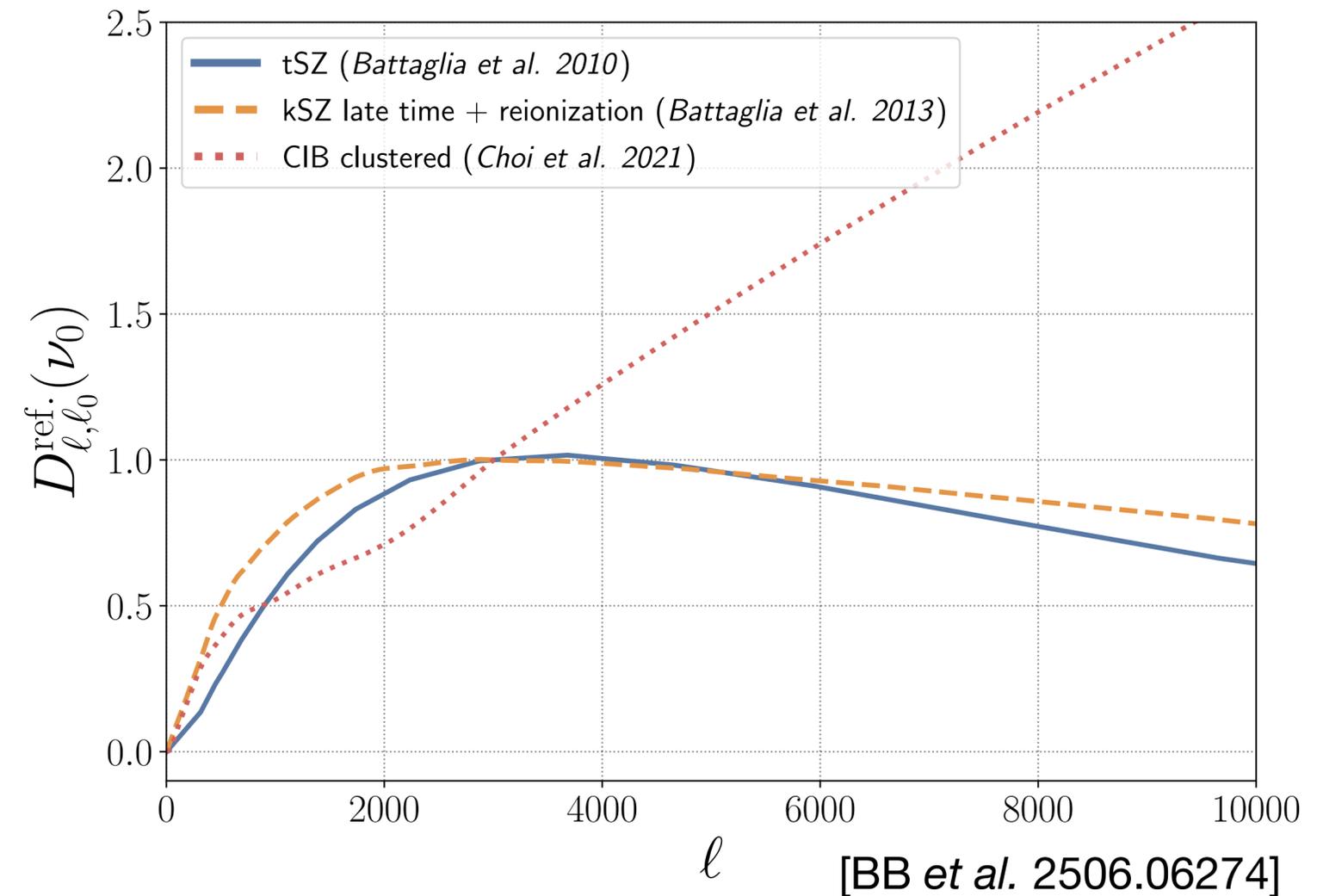
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Poisson Cosmic Infrared Background

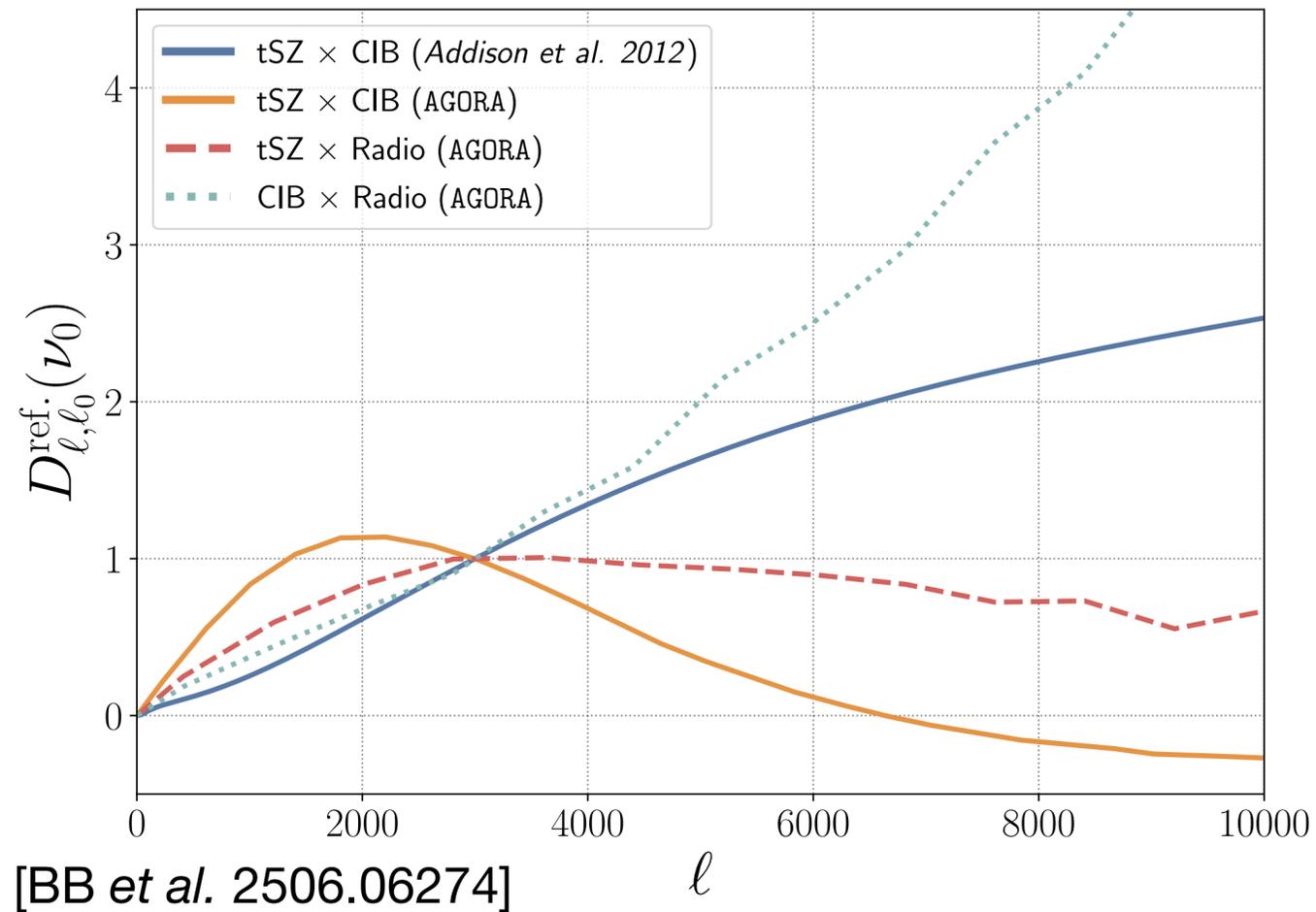
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$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell, \text{CIB-p}}^{T_i T_j} = a_p \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{\ell_0(\ell_0+1)} \right] \frac{\mu(\nu_i; \beta_p, T_d) \mu(\nu_j; \beta_p, T_d)}{\mu^2(\nu_0; \beta_p, T_d)}$$



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CIBxtSZ correlation

- tSZ and clustered CIB are sourced by the same clusters

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell, \text{tSZ}\times\text{CIB}}^{T_i T_j} = -\xi_{yc} \sqrt{a_c a_{\text{tSZ}}} \mathcal{D}_{\ell, \ell_0}^{\text{tSZ}\times\text{CIB}} \times \left(\frac{f_{\text{tSZ}}(\nu_i) \mu(\nu_j; \beta_c, T_d) + f_{\text{tSZ}}(\nu_j) \mu(\nu_i; \beta_c, T_d)}{f_{\text{tSZ}}(\nu_0) \mu(\nu_0; \beta_c, T_d)} \right)$$

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Poisson distributed Radio Galaxies

- Synchrotron emission from distant radio galaxies

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell,\text{radio}}^{X_i Y_j} = a_s^{XY} \left[\frac{\ell(\ell+1)}{\ell_0(\ell_0+1)} \right] \left[\frac{g(\nu_i)g(\nu_j)}{g^2(\nu_0)} \right] \left[\frac{\nu_i \nu_j}{\nu_0^2} \right]^{\beta_s+2}$$

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Residual galactic dust emission

- Thermal emission from galactic dust in the ACT footprint

$$\mathcal{D}_{\ell,g}^{T_i T_j} = a_g^{TT} \left[\frac{\ell}{\ell_0} \right]^{\alpha_g^{TT}} \frac{\mu(\nu_i; \beta_d, T_d^{\text{eff}}) \mu(\nu_j; \beta_d, T_d^{\text{eff}})}{\mu^2(\nu_0; \beta_d, T_d^{\text{eff}})}$$

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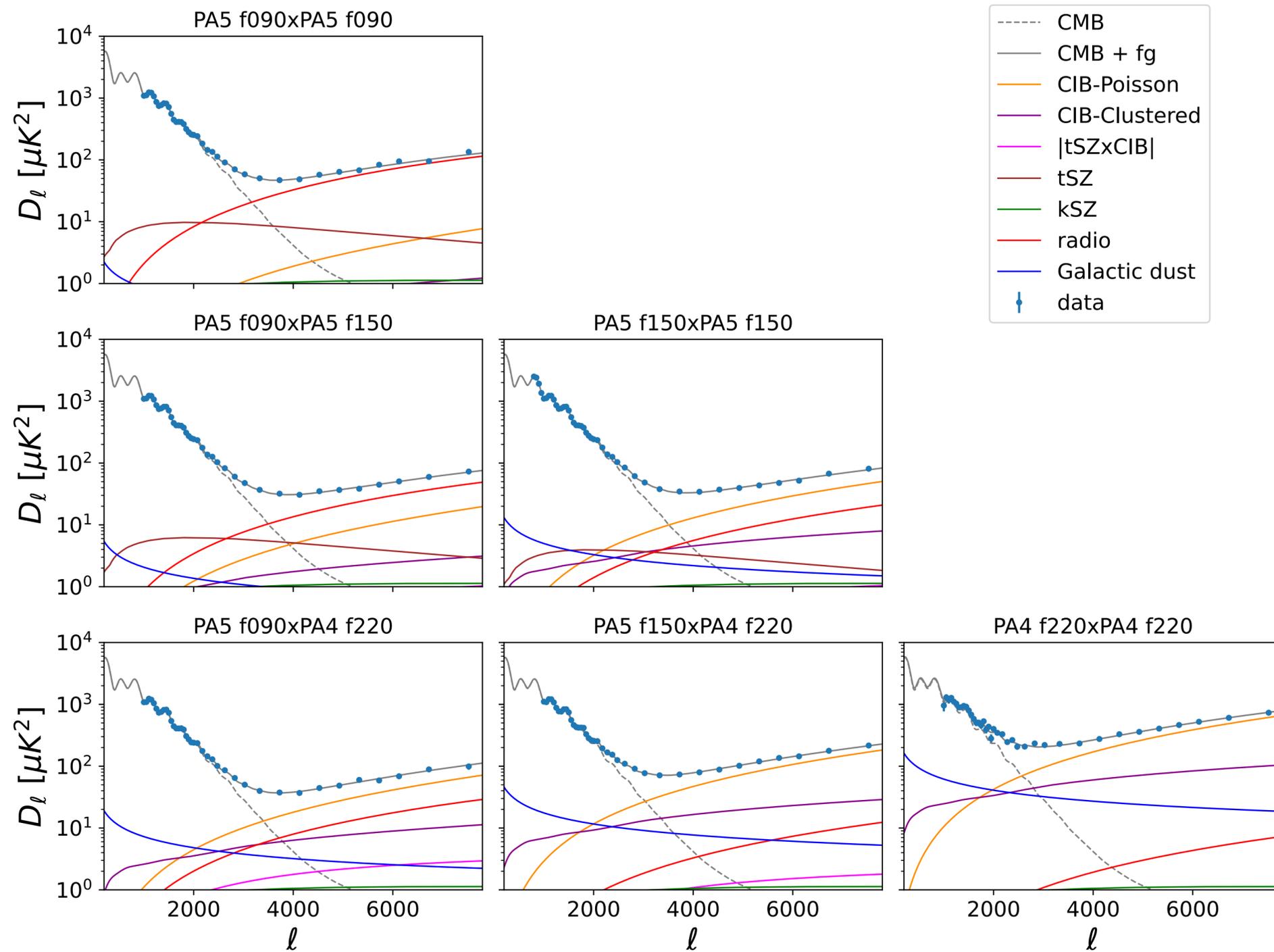
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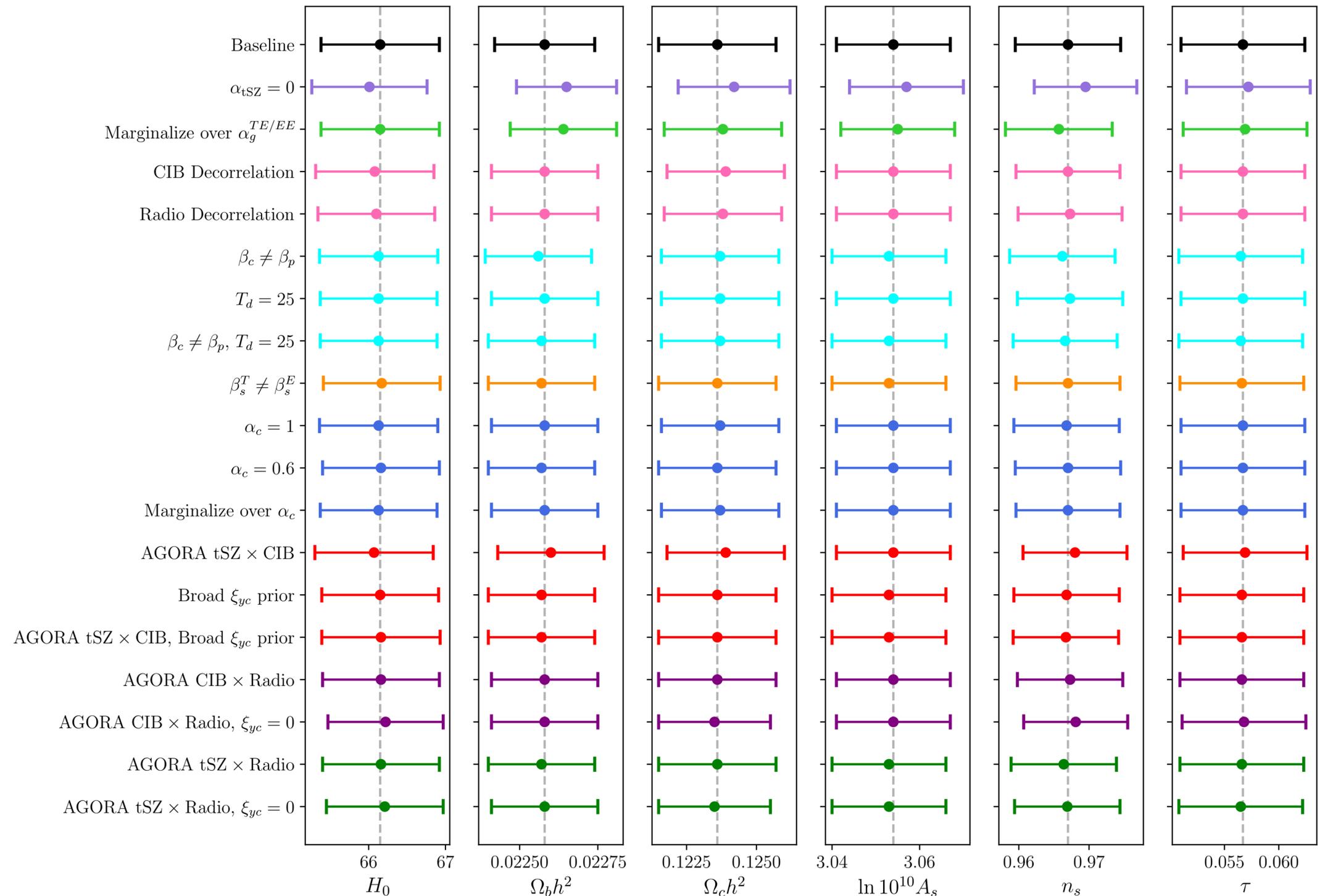
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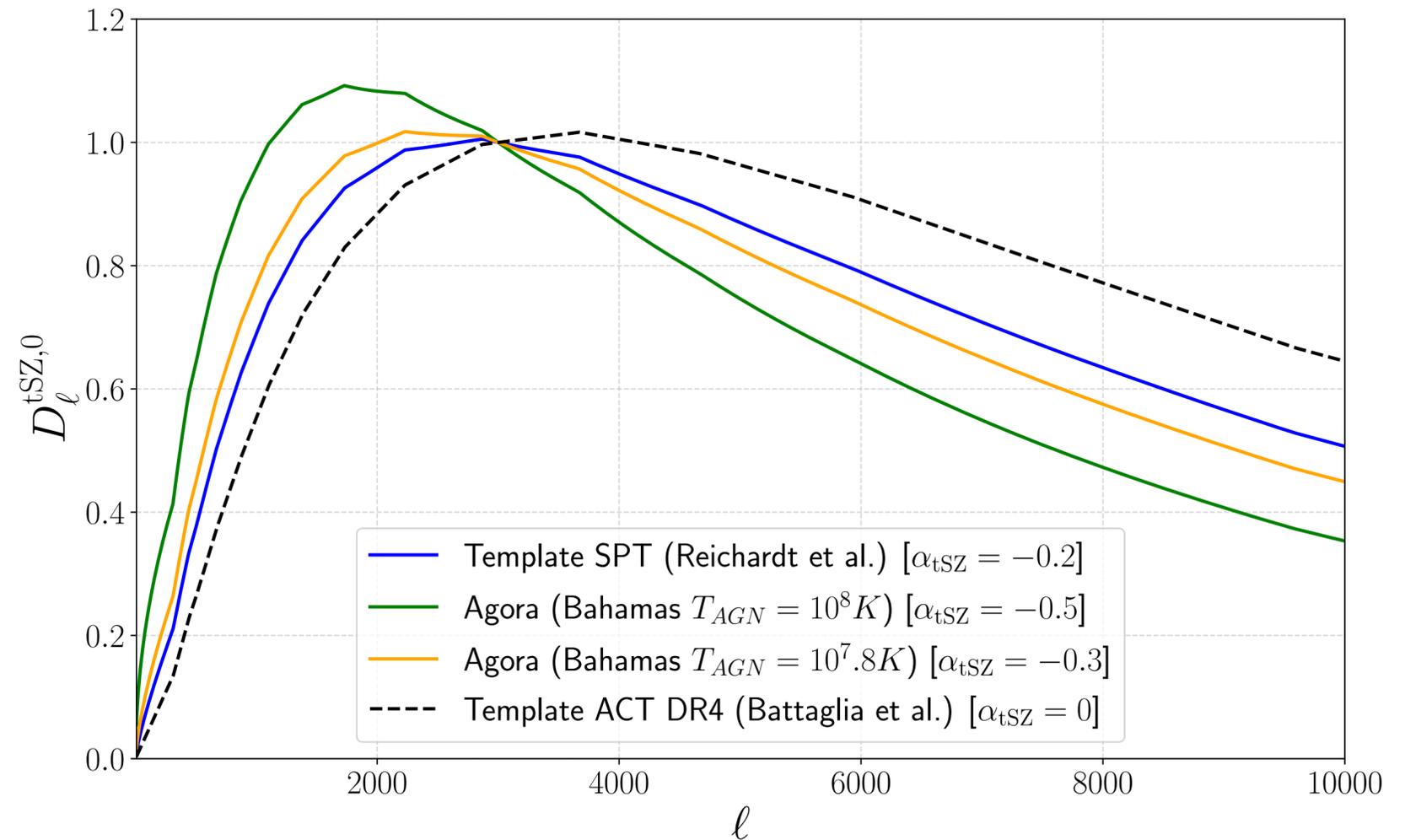
- Tested ~20 fg model extensions and assessed the impact on cosmological parameters.
- All changes below 0.1σ .
- No preference for any other model with ACT-DR6 data.



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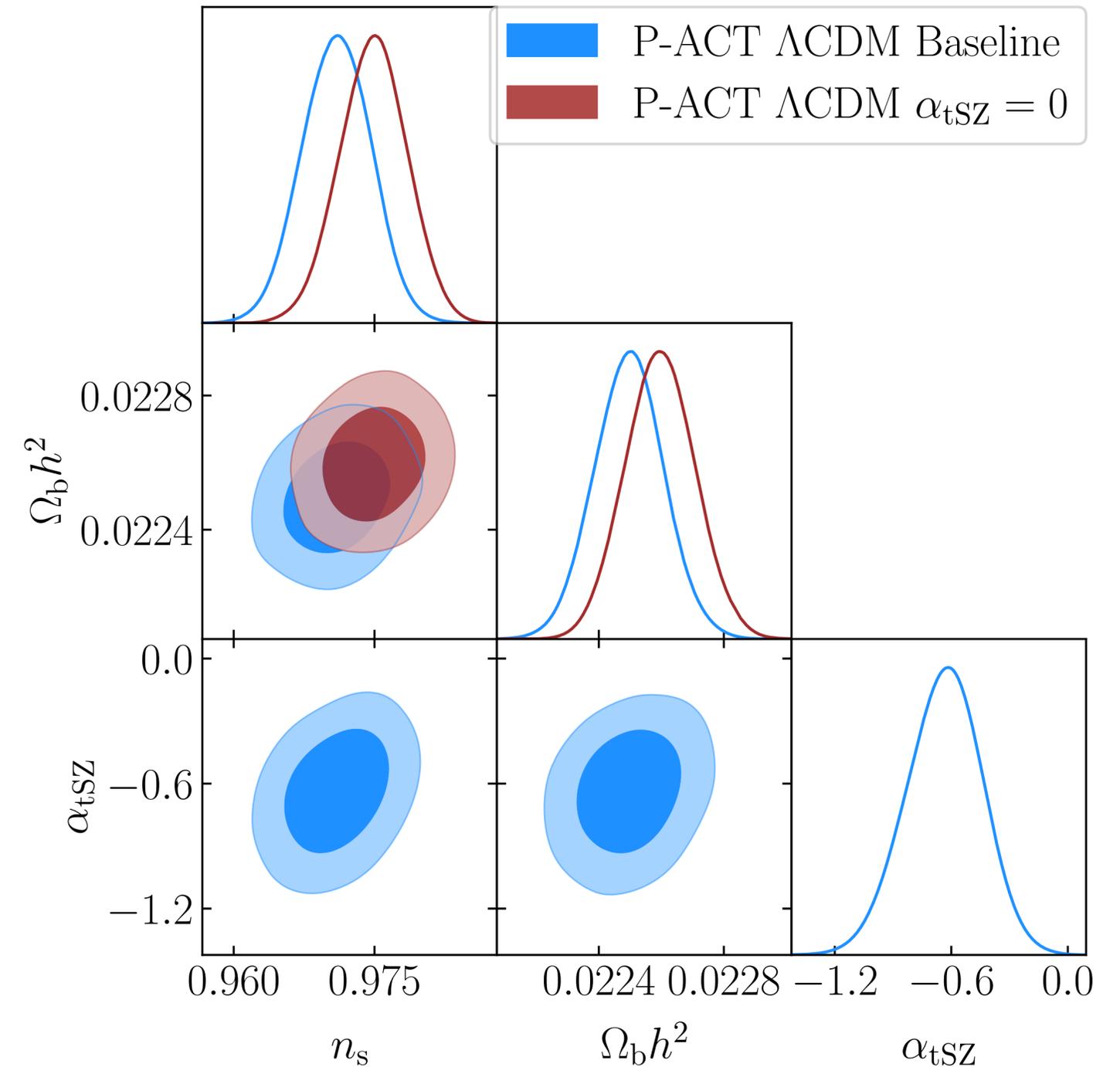
- Introduced new parameter : α_{tSZ} that empirically captures the scale dependence of the tSZ signal.
- Proxy for AGN temperature (in AGORA simulations). [Omori 2023].



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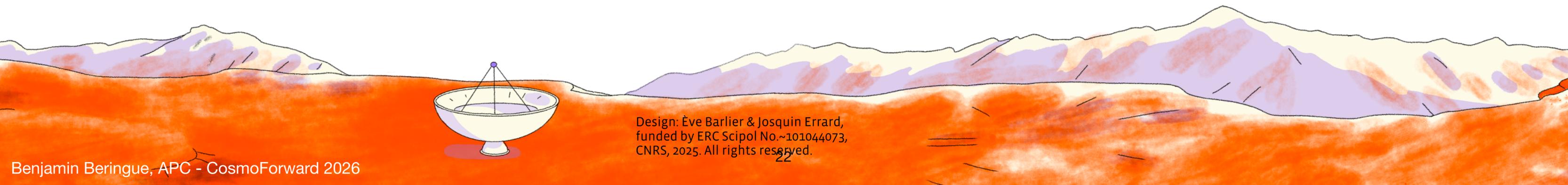
- $> 0.5\sigma$ shift in cosmological parameters when $\alpha_{\text{tSZ}} = 0$.

| Parameter | ACT Λ CDM | ACT Λ CDM + N_{eff} | P-ACT Λ CDM | P-ACT Λ CDM + N_{eff} |
|-------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| H_0 | -0.1 | -0.3 | 0.3 | -0.4 |
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| $\Omega_c h^2$ | 0.2 | -0.3 | -0.2 | -0.5 |
| $\ln 10^{10} A_s$ | 0.2 | 0.0 | 0.3 | -0.1 |
| n_s | 0.2 | -0.2 | 0.8 | -0.2 |
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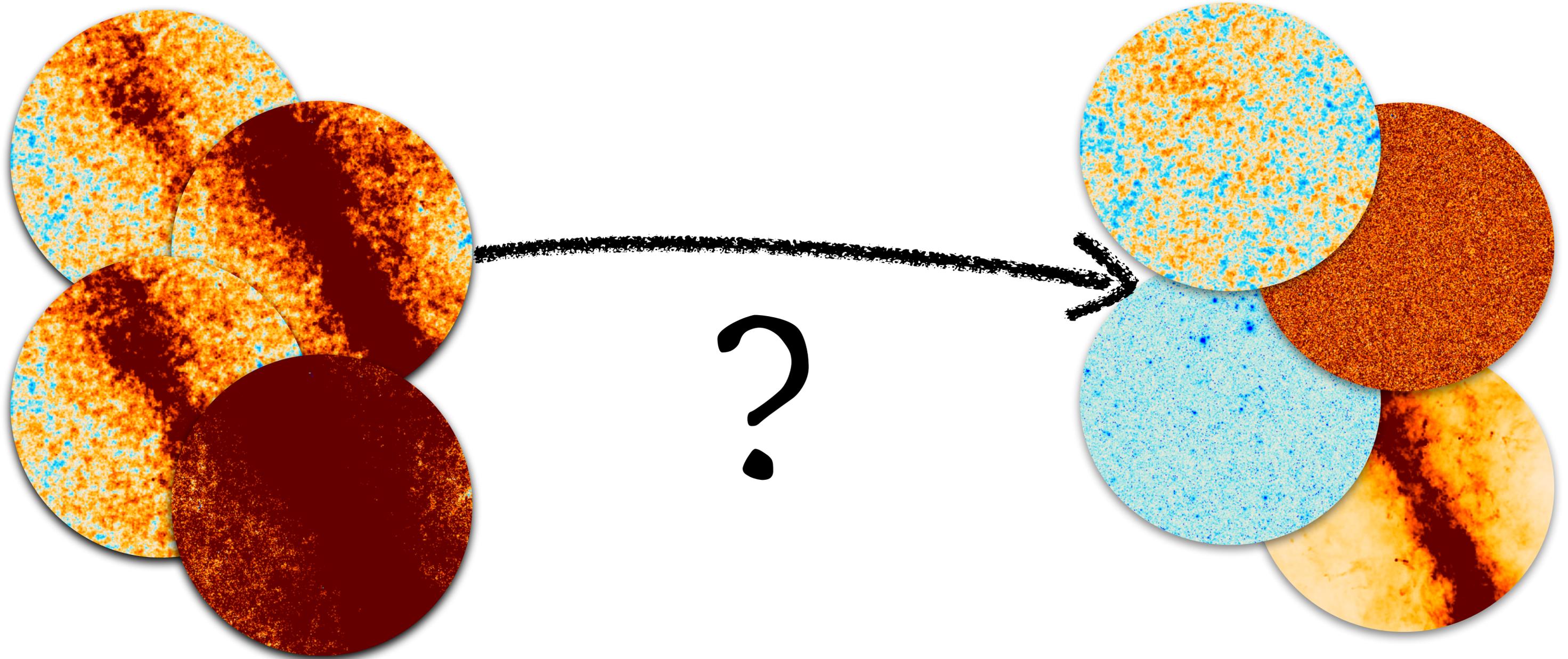
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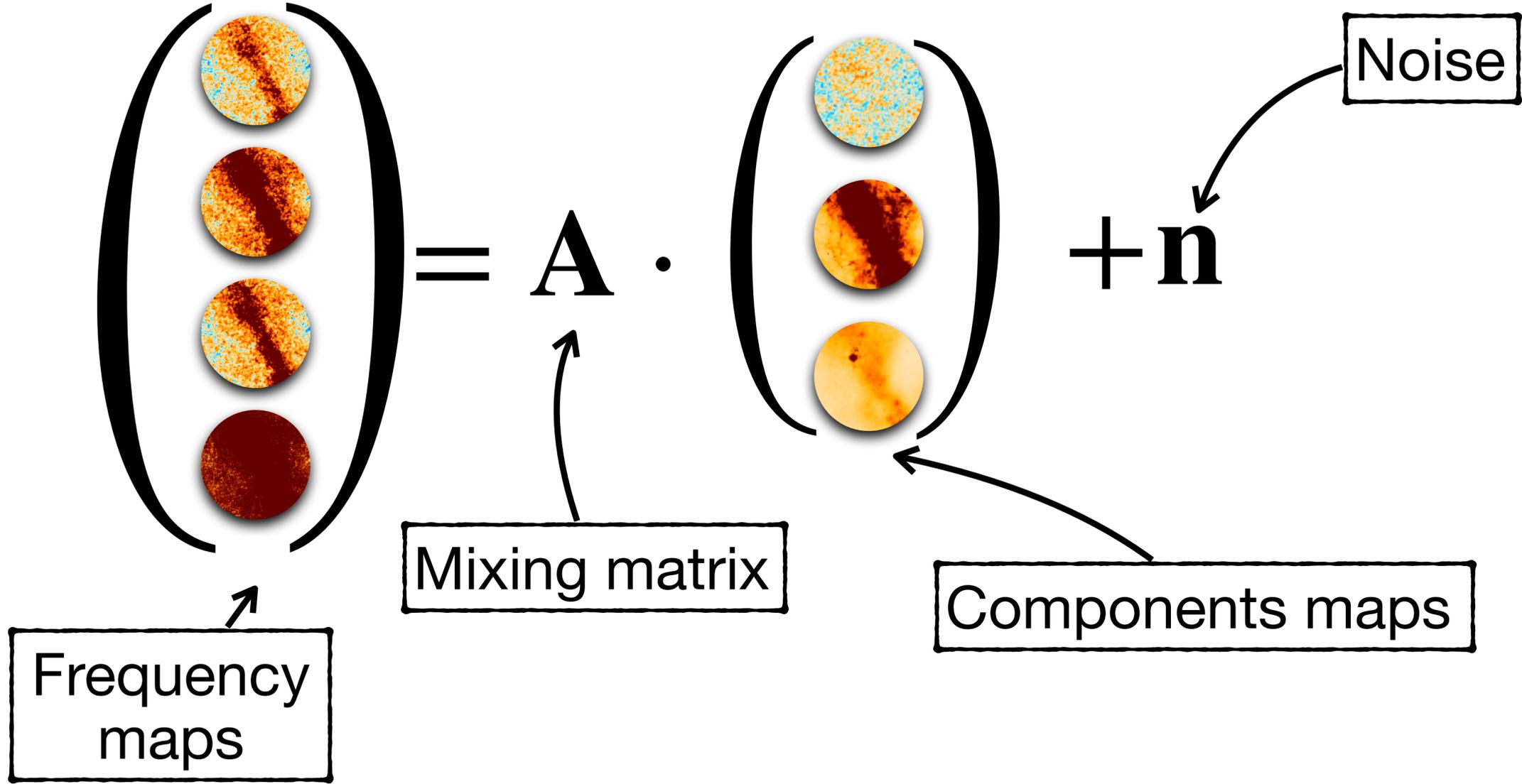
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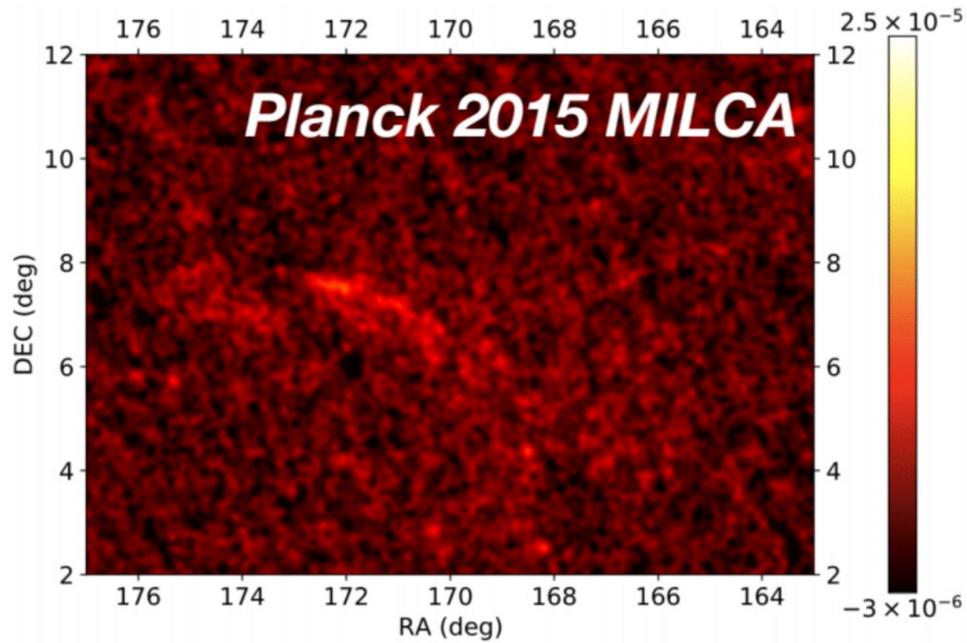
$$\mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{a} = 1 \quad \mathbf{w}^T \cdot \mathbf{b} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{w}^T = \frac{\left(\mathbf{b}^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \mathbf{b}\right) \mathbf{a}^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} - \left(\mathbf{a}^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \mathbf{b}\right) \mathbf{b}^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1}}{\left(\mathbf{a}^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \mathbf{a}\right) \left(\mathbf{b}^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \mathbf{b}\right) - \left(\mathbf{a}^T \hat{\mathbf{R}}^{-1} \mathbf{b}\right)^2}$$

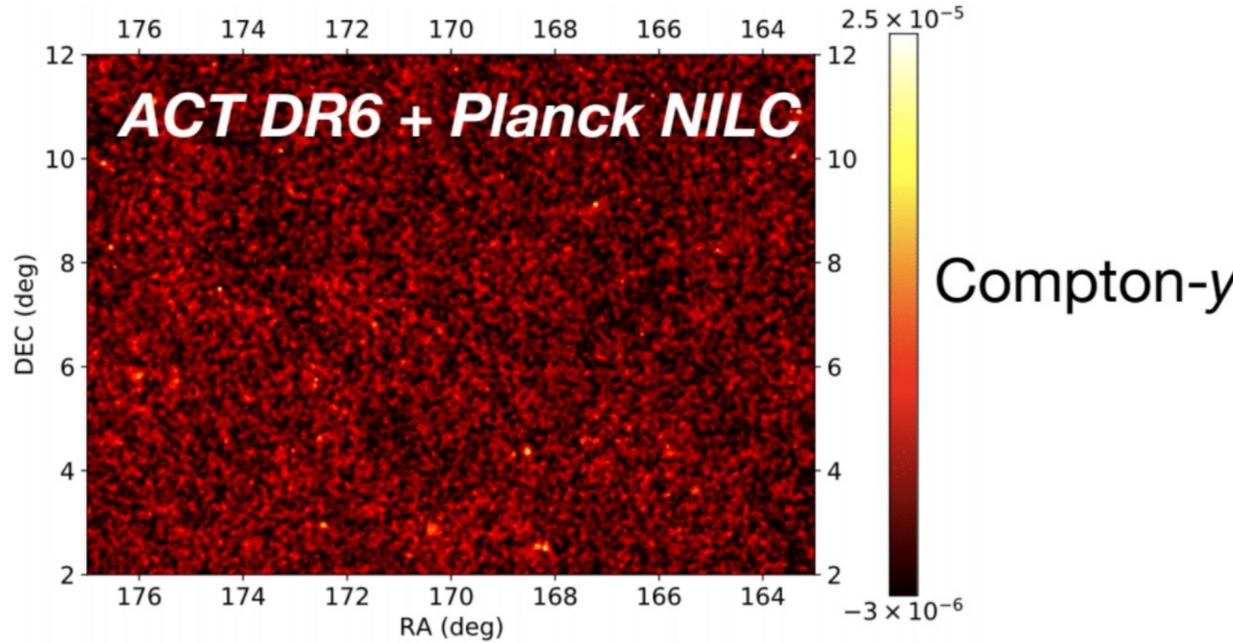
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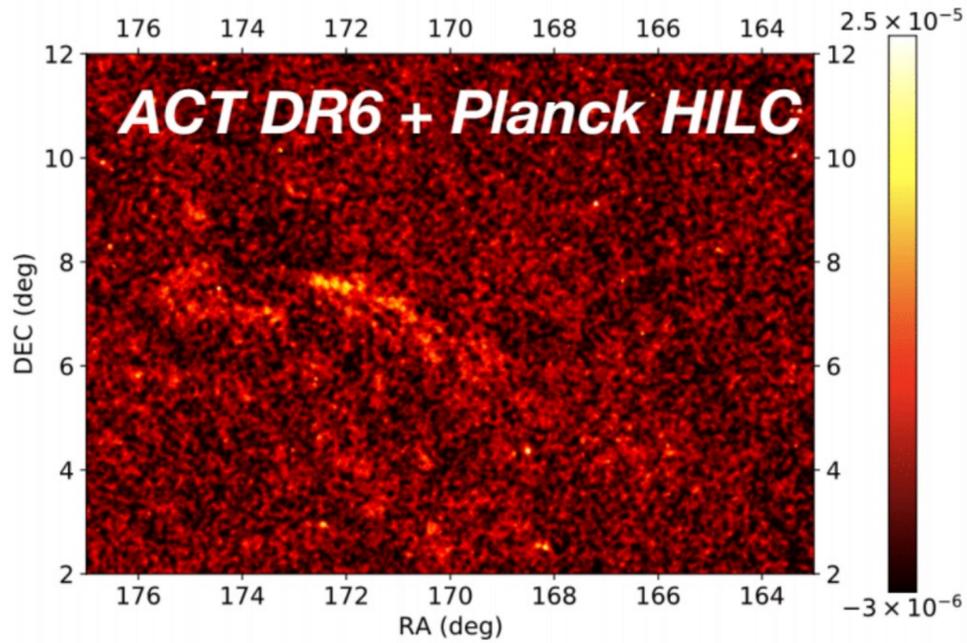
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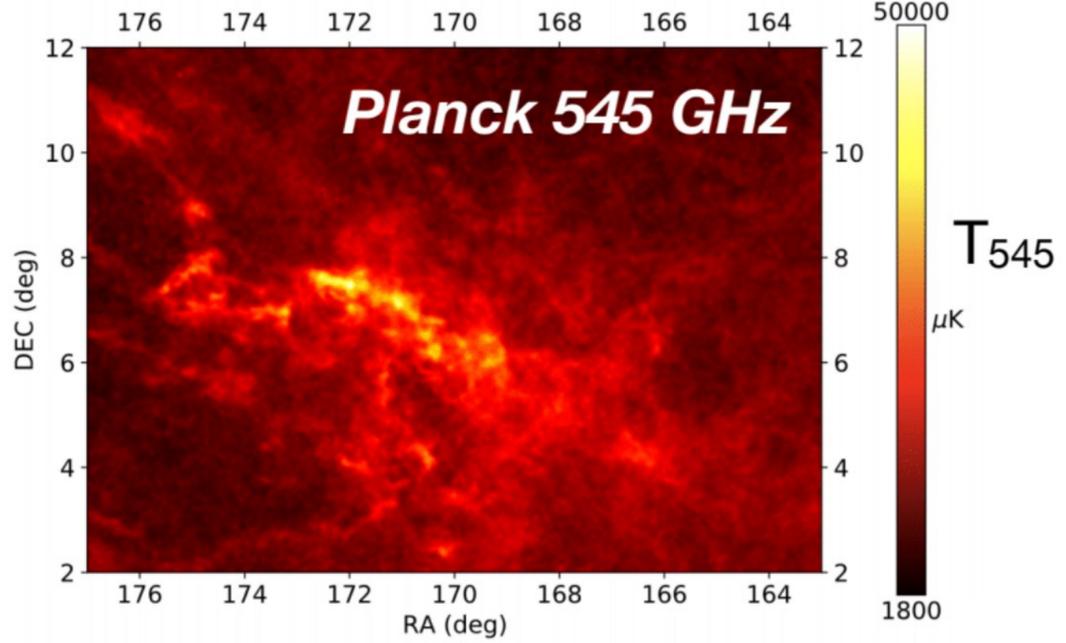
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(b) ACT & *Planck* NILC Compton- y map



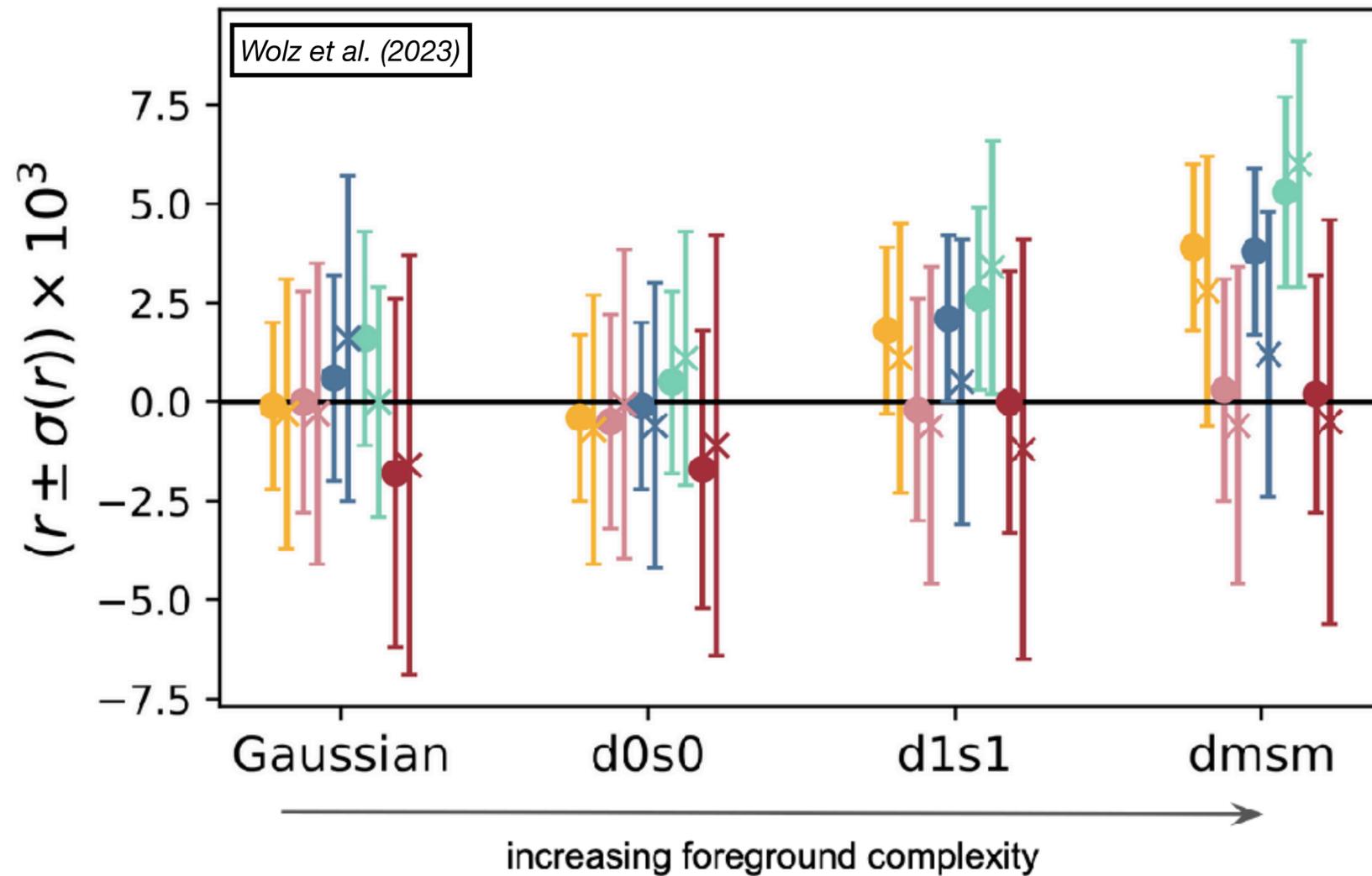
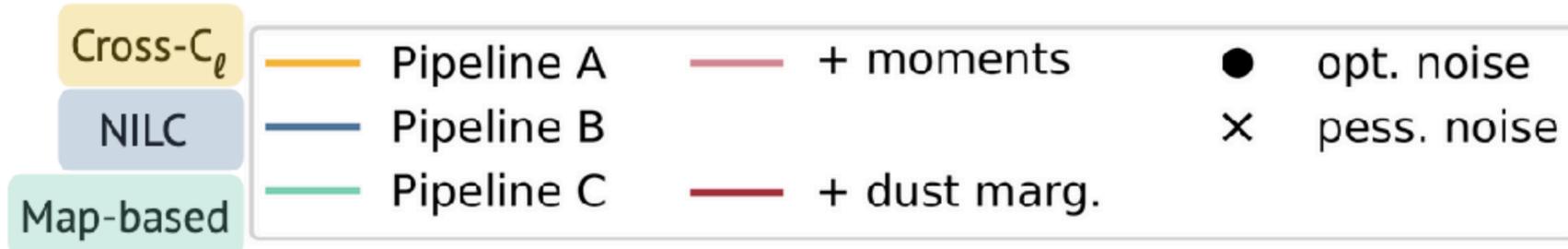
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(d) *Planck* 545 GHz map

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Component separation - SO-SATs pipelines

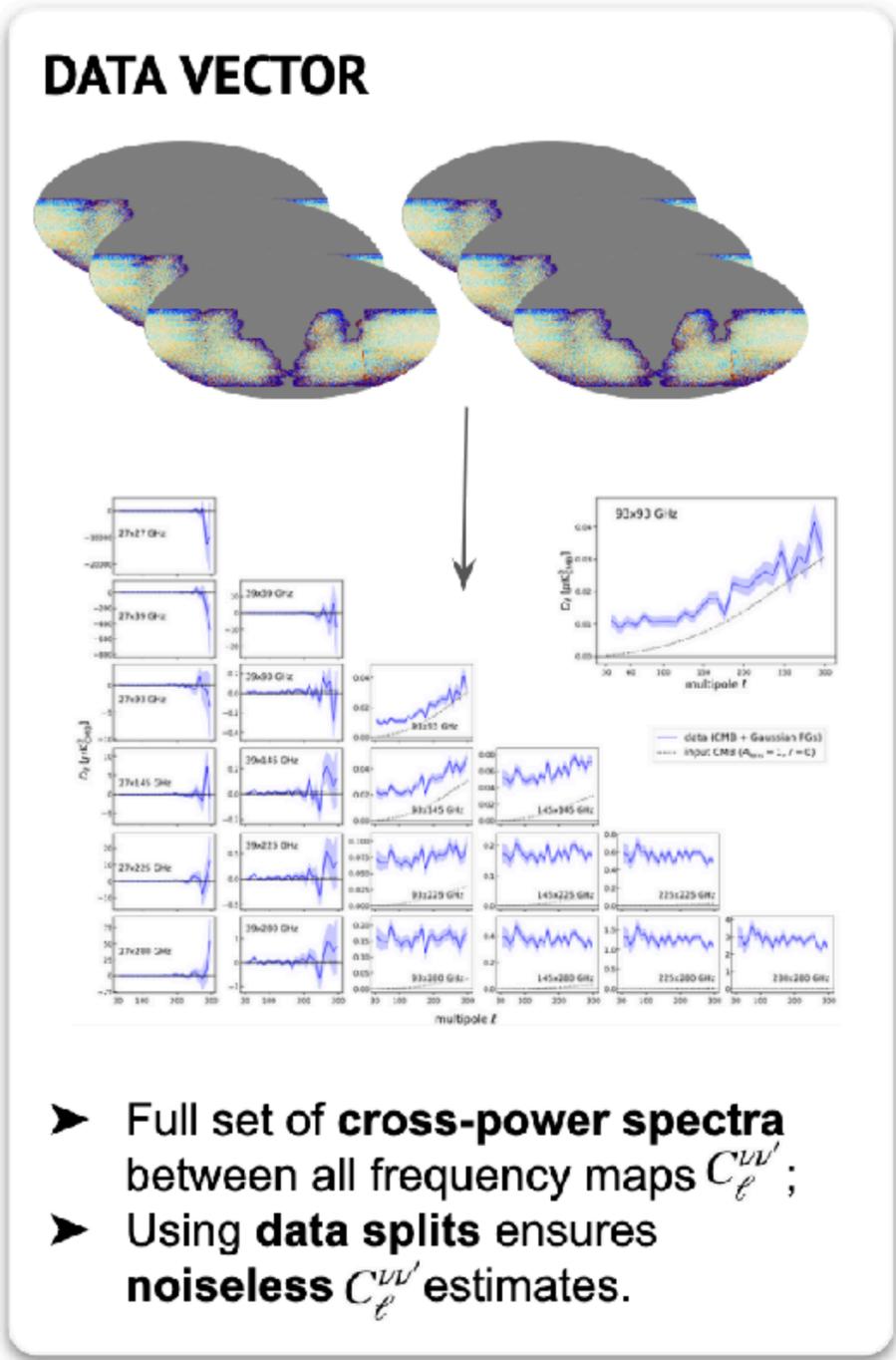


Three main pipelines are developed in SO:

- **Cross- C_ℓ pipeline (Soopercool)**: multi-frequency, **power spectrum**-based component separation method → baseline BICEP/Keck
- **Map-based pipeline (Megatop)**: multi-frequency, **map**-based component separation method → validated by BICEP/Keck 2018 + Planck reanalysis
- **Needlet-ILC pipeline**: needlet domain internal linear combination methods.

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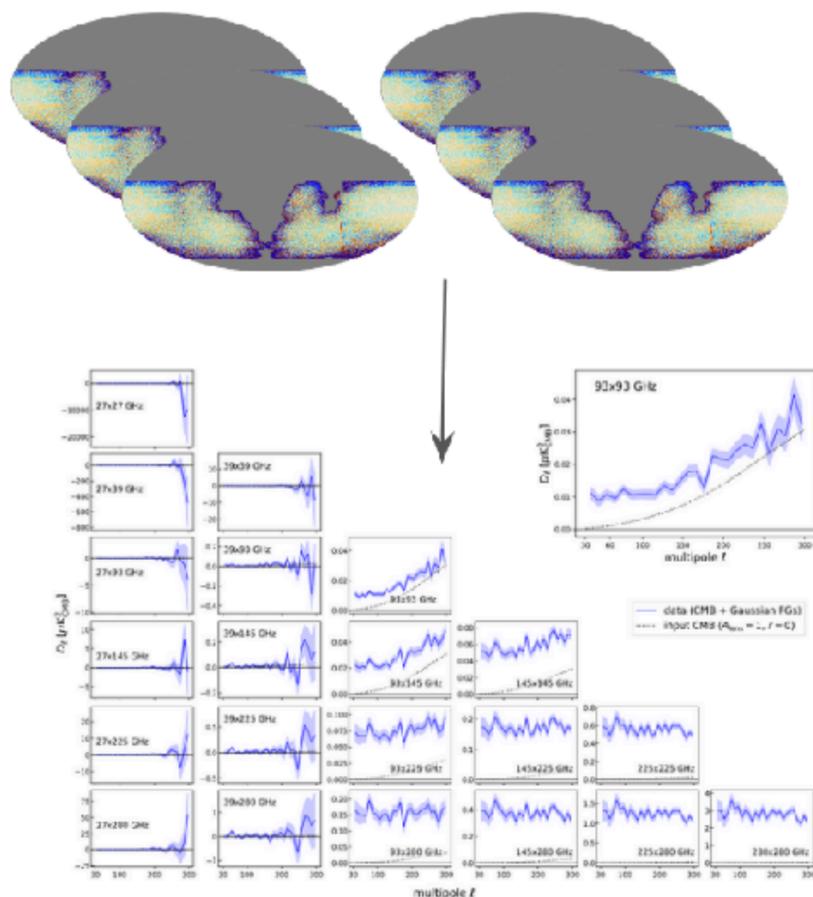
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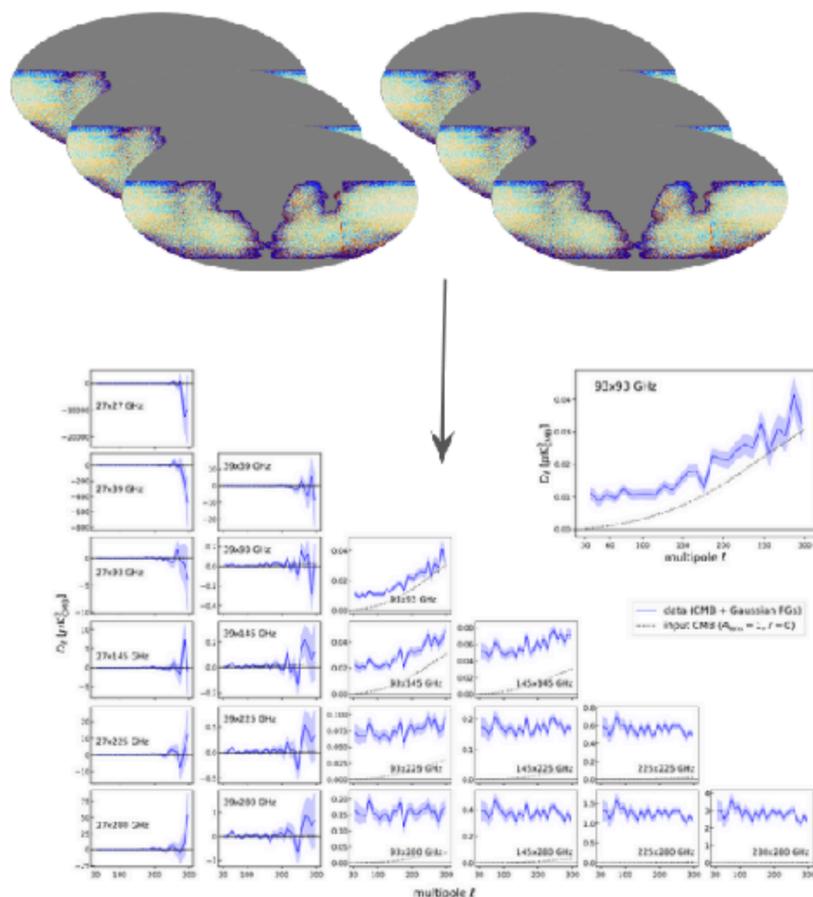
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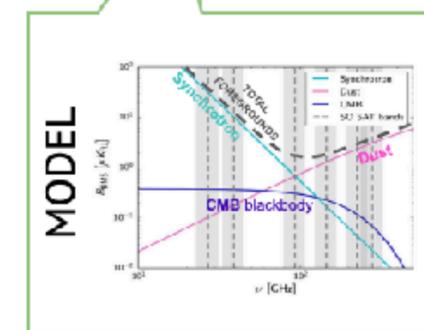
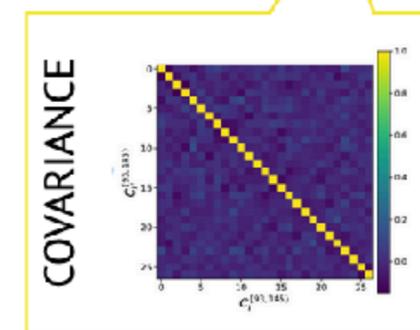
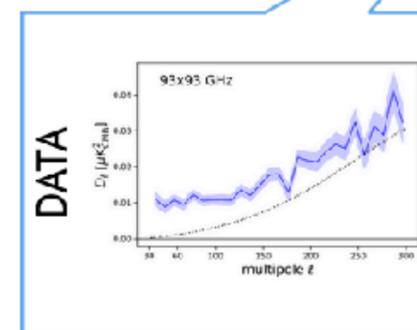
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LIKELIHOOD

- Estimated power spectra compared against a theoretical prediction:

$$-2 \ln L(\theta) \approx \sum_{\ell} (\hat{C}_{\ell}^{BB} - C_{\ell}^{BB})^T \hat{\Sigma}_{\ell}^{-1} (\hat{C}_{\ell}^{BB} - C_{\ell}^{BB})$$



- Relies on **parametric modeling** of foregrounds;
- Requires estimating the **covariance matrix** → from **simulations**.

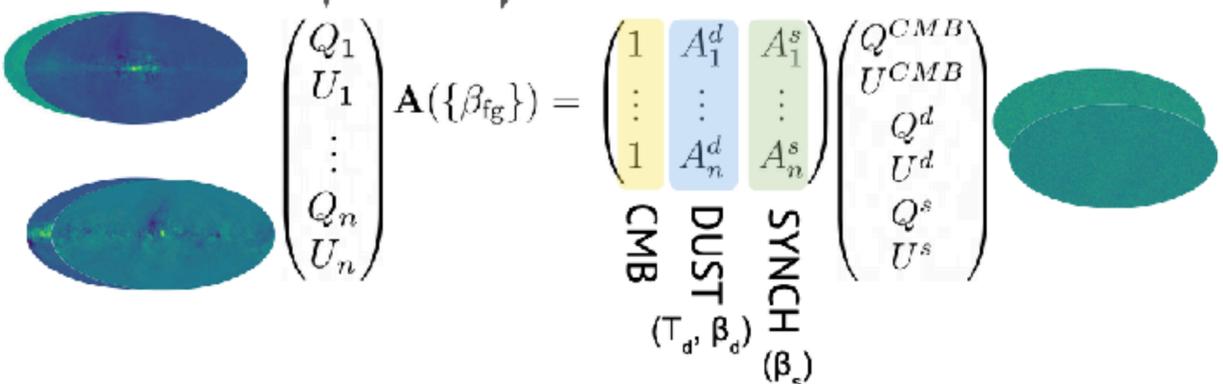
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$$\mathbf{d}_p = \mathbf{A}(\boldsymbol{\beta})\mathbf{s}_p + \mathbf{n}_p$$

NOISE



- Observed **sky signal**: linear combination of **CMB + dust + synchrotron**;
- Combination is encoded in the **mixing matrix A**:
 - Each column \rightarrow 1 component,
 - Entries \rightarrow amplitudes of components across frequencies,
 - Depends on **spectral parameters** of foreground emissions,
 - Can include **spatial variations** of parameters [4].

[4] Errard et al. 2019
 [5] Stompor et al. 2009
 [6] Poletti et al. 2023
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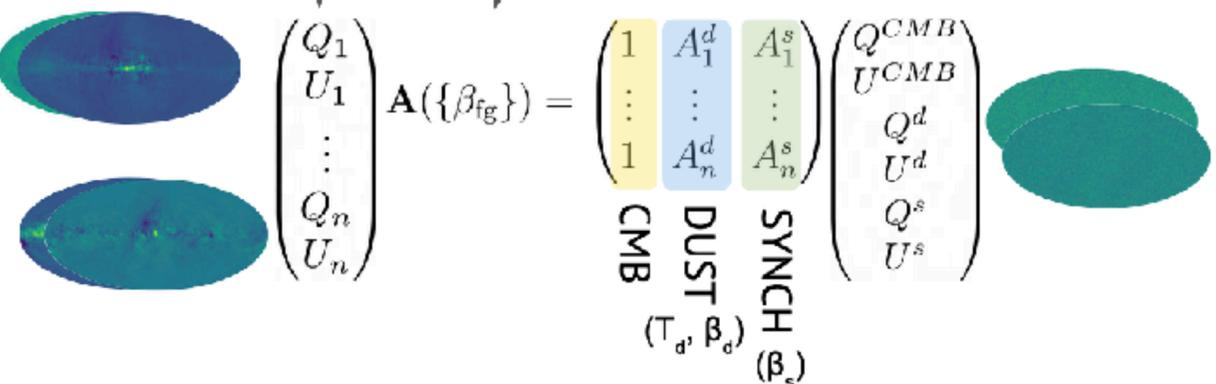
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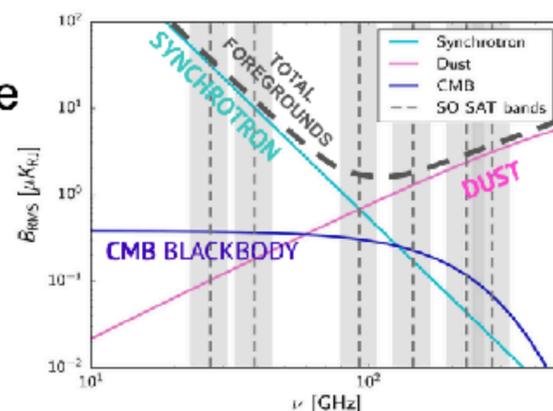
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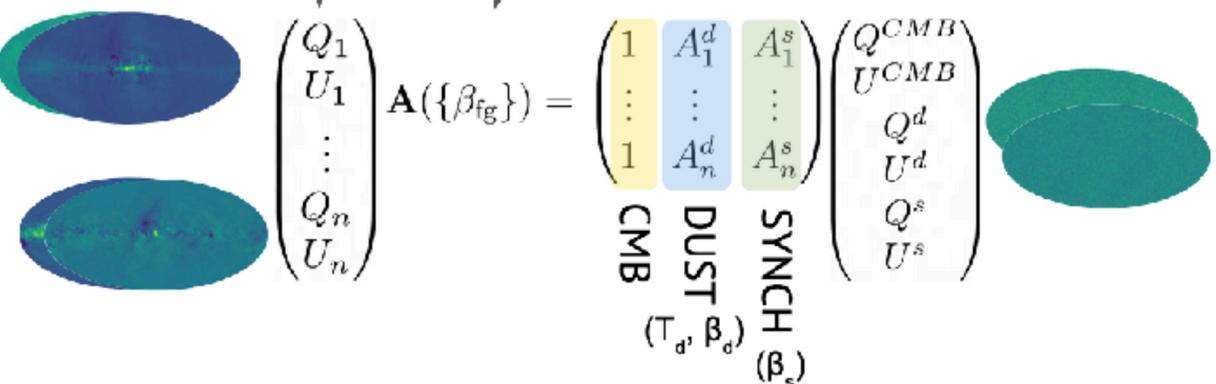
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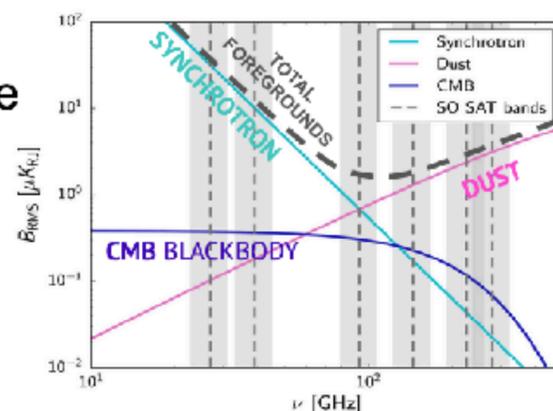
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COSMOLOGICAL ANALYSIS

- The power spectra estimated using **Namaster** [10];
- The **C ℓ s** of the observed CMB map are modeled as:

$$\tilde{C}_\ell^{\text{CMB}}(r, A_{\text{lens}}) \equiv C_\ell^{\text{prim}}(r) + C_\ell^{\text{lens}}(A_{\text{lens}}) + \tilde{N}_\ell^{\text{CMB}}$$

- Cosmological parameters are inferred via the **likelihood**:

$$-2 \log \mathcal{L}^{\text{cosmo}} = \sum_\ell (2\ell + 1) f_{\text{sky}} \left(\frac{\tilde{C}_\ell^{\text{CMB}}}{C_\ell^{\text{CMB}}} + \log(C_\ell^{\text{CMB}}) \right)$$

- The foreground maps allow for **marginalisation** over the residual dust spectra by extending the model [11]:

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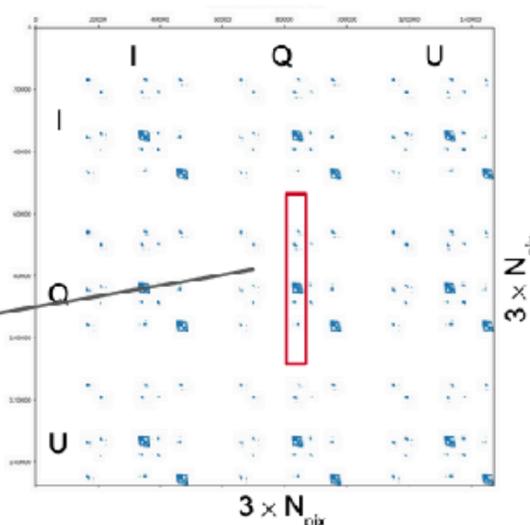
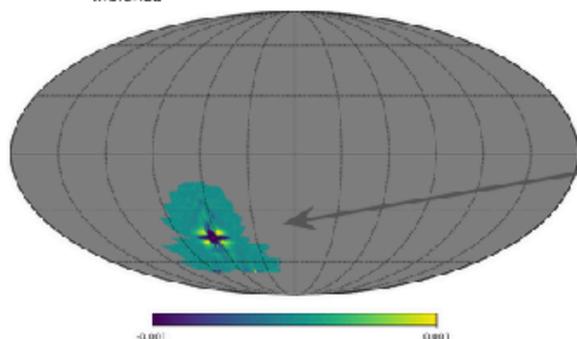
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OBSERVATION MATRIX (baseline)



- Filtering in **map space** → **linear** operation represented by the **observation matrix \mathcal{O}** ;
- The observation matrix is a (very!) **large, sparse** matrix;
- Constructed from the **instrument model** & data **preprocessing** scheme.

- The observation matrix can be included in the **data model** and the **spectral likelihood** to be accounted for during **component separation**:

$$d^{\text{filt.}} = \mathcal{O} \cdot d^{\text{raw}} = \mathcal{O}A \cdot s + n$$

$$-2\mathcal{L}_{\text{spec.}} \sim (A^t \mathcal{O}^t N^{-1} d)^t (A^t \mathcal{O}^t N^{-1} \mathcal{O}A)^{-1} (A^t \mathcal{O}^t N^{-1} d)$$

- The inversion of the central term is costly and requires **efficient computational methods** for feasibility.

PROS

- No need for **simulations**
- Better suited for **pixel-based** analysis
- Describes filtering **spatial variability** and **correlations**

CONS

- High **computational cost**
- Observations matrices need to be available

TRANSFER FUNCTIONS (backup)

- Alternative version of the pipeline: mitigation with **transfer functions** (→ cross- C_ℓ pipeline);
- Transfer functions are estimated externally through **simulations**;
- The input **data vector** and the estimated **noise covariance** matrix are then rescaled:

$$\tilde{d}_{\ell,m} = \bar{\mathbf{T}}_\ell^{-1/2} d_{\ell,m}$$

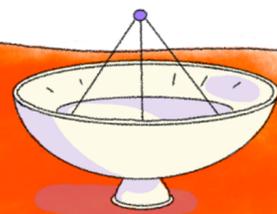
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- Standard map-based component separation is then performed.



Conclusion

- Still heavily rely on modelling of the foregrounds !
- Large scales polarisation are the most affected by foreground modelling errors.
- Interplay with instrumental systematics is vastly unexplored.
- Need to build models informed by astrophysics.

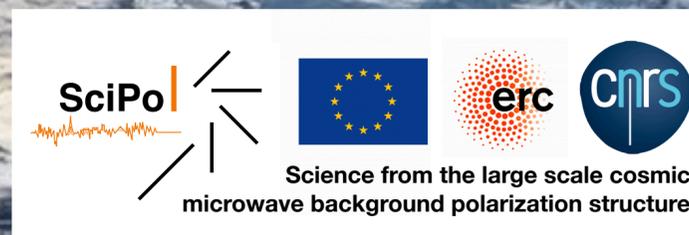


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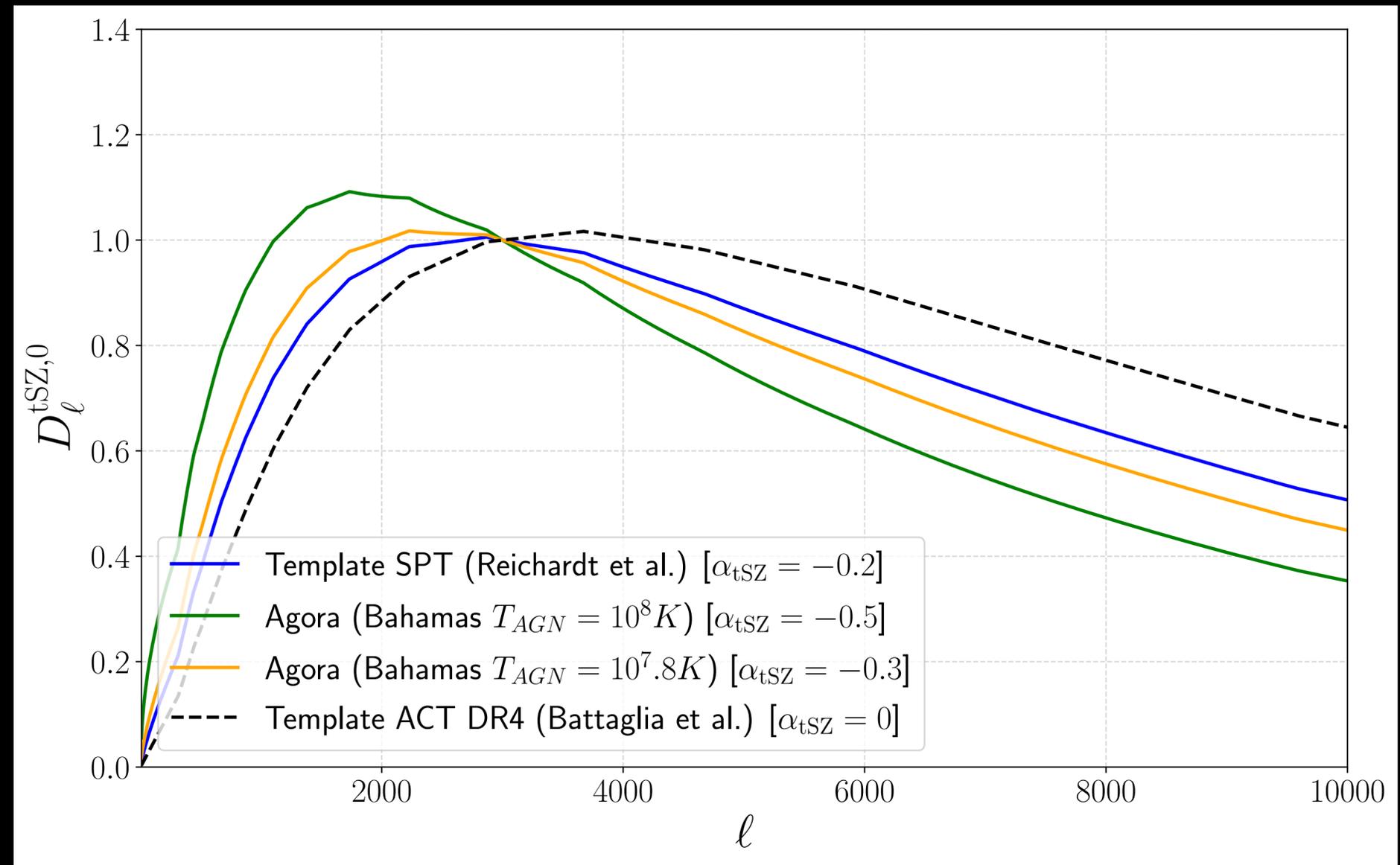


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